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Dear Jonathan,

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your request to the NZ Police, part of which has been transferred to the NZ Transport Agency on 19 December 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Act 1982 (the Act):

“...Also can you tell us how many crashes are caused by people crossing the centre line into a head-on crash throughout New Zealand”

The Crash Analysis System does not record whether a vehicle crossed the centre line. However, the data recorded for head-on crashes is provided to you in the following table:

2015-2018 Head-on Crashes					
year	fatal crashes	serious crashes	minor crashes	non-injury crashes	Total
2015	78	200	373	670	1,321
2016	79	209	330	727	1,345
2017	102	240	438	892	1,672
2018	109	196	431	544	1,280

It is important to note:

- This data is provided from the road traffic crash database; Crash Analysis System (CAS)
- Data is for all police reported crashes for the years 2015 to 2018 as recorded in CAS to date - 17/01/2019
- Data is limited to head-on crashes
- Traffic crash data covers all NZ roadways or places where the public have legal access with a motor vehicle
- 2018 data is incomplete and is current from CAS as at 17/01/2019
- Due to the police reporting time frame and subsequent data processing there is a lag from the time of a crash to full and correct crash
- Due to the nature of non-fatal crashes it is believed that these are under-reported, with the level of under-reporting decreasing with the
- The cause of a crash cannot be attributed to any one factor (eg fatigue) as a crash may have multiple factors

Please note that we will also be publishing the response to this request on our website:
<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/news-and-media/official-information-act/official-informationact-oia-responses/>

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Andrew Knackstedt, Senior Manager, Media by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 04 894 6285.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy Mellor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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